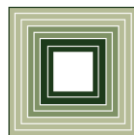




# Division of Water Quality

**Joint Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Natural and Economic Resources**

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**FISCAL RESEARCH DIVISION**  
A Staff Agency of the North Carolina General Assembly

# DWQ's Mission

To **protect** and **enhance** North Carolina's water and groundwater resources through

- quality monitoring programs
- efficient permitting
- responsible management
- fair & effective enforcement
- excellence in public service



# How do they accomplish that?

- Classify all waters for best intended use
- Develop river basin reports
- Sample waters
- Operate environmental laboratory
- Issue permits & ensure compliance
- Provide financial and technical assistance to publicly owned wastewater facilities

# DWQ Organization

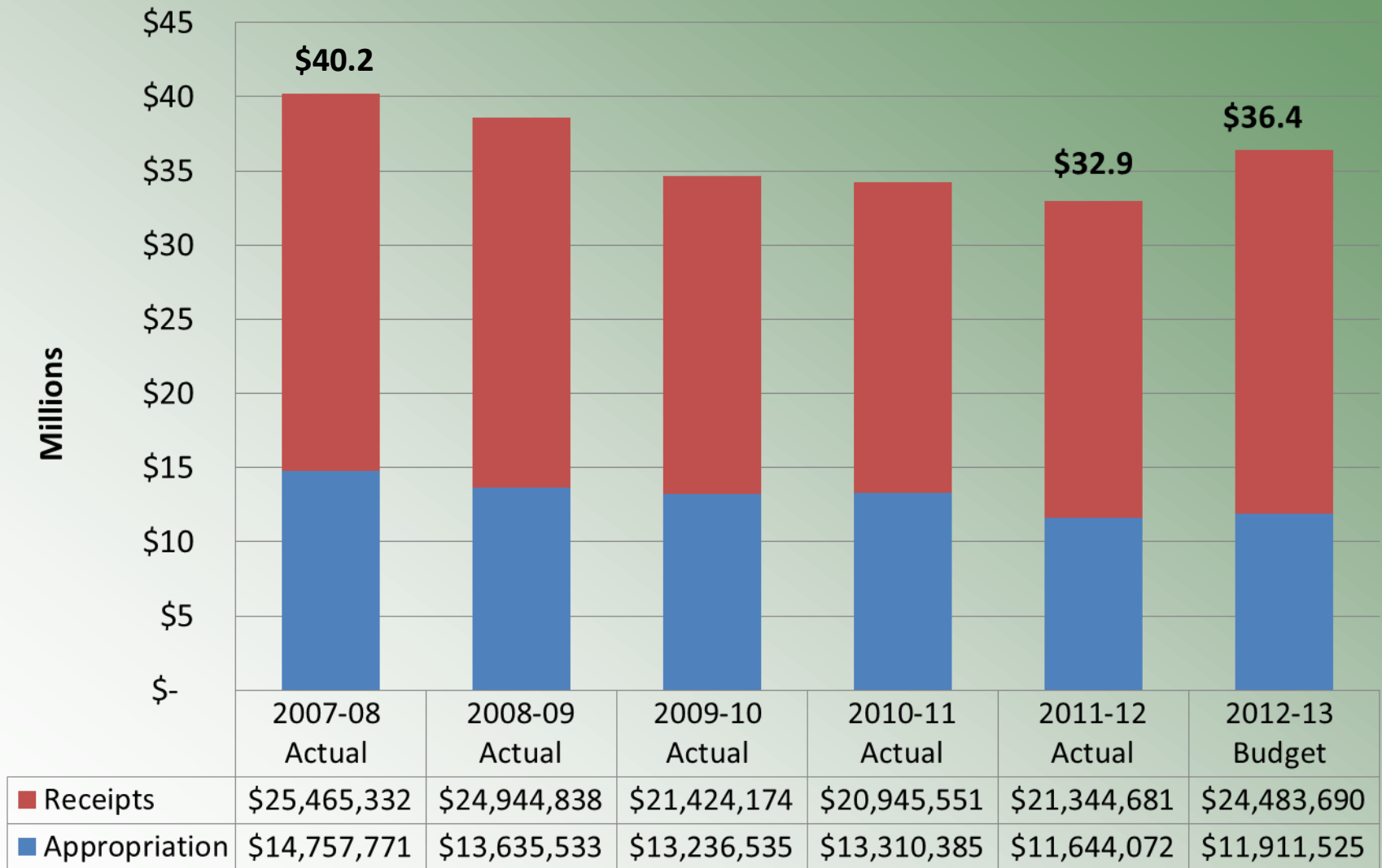
- **Administration/Operations**
- **Planning**
  - River basin plans
  - Classify waters
- **Environmental Sciences**
  - Samples waters
- **Laboratory**
  - Certify other wastewater labs



# DWQ Organization

- **Aquifer Protection**
  - Animal feeding operations permitting and compliance
  - Land application permitting and compliance
- **Surface Water Protection**
  - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
  - Wetlands permits
  - Stormwater permits
- **Infrastructure Finance**
  - State Revolving Fund/Financial Assistance

# DWQ 5-year Expenditure History





# Recent General Assembly Actions

## 2011 -13 Biennium

- Eliminated 10.6 FTES and fund shifted an additional 14.5 for a total savings of \$1,366,018 R
- Reduced operating by \$442,880 R

# Governor's Recommended Budget

- Governor's Continuation Budget
  - no changes = current year authorized
- Expansion/ Reductions
  - Eliminates the General Fund support for the Ground Water Investigation Unit (\$364,788 R & 4 FTE)



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